

## **6 VAC 20-171-370. Entry level handgun training.**

### **A. Handgun classroom training.**

1. The entry level handgun classroom training will include but not be limited to the following:

- a. The proper care and maintenance of the firearm;
- b. Civil liability of the use of firearms;
- c. Criminal liability of the use of firearms;
- d. Firearms retention and storage;
- e. Deadly force;
- f. Justifiable deadly force;
- g. Range safety;
- h. Principles of marksmanship;
- i. Practical firearms handling and safety;
- j. Judgmental shooting; and
- k. Dim Low level light shooting familiarization

Total Hours (excluding written examination)--14 hours

2. Written examination required.

**B. Range qualification (no minimum hours).** The purpose of the range qualification course is to provide practical firearms training to individuals desiring to become armed private security services business personnel.

1. Prior to the date of range training, it will be the responsibility of the school director to ensure that all students are informed of the proper attire and equipment to be worn for the firing range portion of the training. Equipment needed: handgun, belt with directional draw holster, ammunition (60 rounds)
2. Factory loaded practice or duty ammunition (60 rounds) may be used for practice or range qualification.
3. Course shall be fired double action, or double single action except for single action semi-automatic handguns.
4. All qualifications shall be conducted using a B-27 silhouette target or the FBI "Q" target. Alternate targets may be utilized with prior approval by the department.
5. With prior approval of the department, a reasonable modification of the firearms course may be approved to accommodate qualification on indoor ranges.
6. A certified firearms instructor must be present on the range directly controlling the fire line during all phases of firearms training. There shall be a minimum of one certified firearms instructor per five shooters on the line.
7. All individuals shall qualify with directional draw holsters only.
8. The range qualification of individuals shall be scored as follows:  
B27 target: (use indicated K-value) 7, 8, 9, 10 X rings--value 5 points, other hits on silhouette--value 0 points: divide points scored by maximum possible score to obtain decimal and convert to percentage, e.g.,  $225 \div 300 = .75 = 75\%$ .  
FBI Q target: all hits inside the bottle – value 5 points; hits outside the bottle – value 0 points.
9. The low light range familiarization of individuals shall be scored as indicated above. This is strictly a familiarization course with no pass or fail grade provided.

**C. Course:** Virginia Private Security Course of Fire for Handguns. The course of fire shall be conducted using, at a minimum, the requirements set forth in subsection B of this section. Strong/weak hand refers to the primary hand used in firing the firearm. The opposite hand may be used for support. The course of fire shall be conducted in the following phases:

1. Phase 1; 3 yards, utilizing weaver, Modified Weaver, or isosceles stance, 18 rounds:

- a. Load 6 rounds and holster loaded firearm.
- b. On command, draw and fire 2 rounds (3 seconds), repeat.
- c. Load 6 rounds and holster loaded firearm.
- d. On command, draw and fire 6 rounds with strong hand.
- e. Unload, reload 6 rounds and fire 6 rounds with weak hand (25 seconds).

2. Phase 2; 7 yards, utilizing weaver, Modified Weaver, or isosceles stance, 24 rounds:

- a. Load 6 rounds and holster loaded firearm.
- b. On command, draw and fire 1 round (2 seconds), repeat.
- c. Load 6 rounds and holster loaded firearm.
- d. On command, draw and fire 2 rounds (3 seconds), repeat.
- e. Load 6 rounds and holster loaded firearm.
- f. On command, draw and fire 6 rounds, reload 6 rounds, fire 6 rounds (30 seconds).

3. Phase 3; 15 yards, 70 seconds, 18 rounds:

- a. Load 6 rounds and holster loaded firearm.
- b. On command, assume kneeling position, draw and fire 6 rounds with strong hand.
- c. Assume standing position, unload, reload and fire 6 rounds from weak-hand barricade position.
- d. Unload, reload and fire 6 rounds from strong-hand barricade position (Kneeling position may be fired using barricade position.) (70 seconds).

D. Low Light Course: Virginia Private Security Low Light Familiarization Course of Fire for Handguns. The course of fire shall be conducted using, at a minimum, the requirements set forth in this subsection. Equipment needed: belt with directional draw holster, handgun, two speed loaders or three magazines, range ammunition (30 rounds). Equipment provided by instructor: A range that can simulate low light or a pair of welders goggles for each student that simulates low light. Strong/weak hand refers to the primary hand used in firing the firearm. The opposite hand may be used for support. The course of fire shall be conducted in the following phases:

1. Phase I; 3 yards, utilizing weaver or isosceles stance, 18 rounds:

- a. Load 6 rounds and come to ready
- b. On command, fire 2 rounds (3 seconds) repeat
- c. Load 6 rounds and come to ready
- d. On command, fire 6 rounds with strong hand
- e. Unload, reload 6 rounds and fire 6 rounds  
(30 seconds)

2. Phase 2; 7 yards, utilizing weaver or isosceles stance, 12 rounds

- a. Load 6 rounds and come to ready
- b. On command, fire 2 rounds (5 seconds), and repeat
- c. Load 6 rounds and come to ready
- d. On command, draw and fire 3 rounds (6 seconds), and repeat